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JOHN EDWIN SWINK

John Edwin Swink, son of William and Eliza Sturdevant Swink, was born in Franklin county, Tennessee, about six miles from Nashville, on the 27th day of October, 1833. When three years of age, his father and mother moved West and settled in Ste. Genevieve county, Mo. Here Mr. Swink resided until 1853, when the discovery of gold was made in California, and many were led to seek their fortunes in that land of sunshine and flowers. Mr. Joseph organized an overland company for California and among those to make the journey was the subject of this sketch—Mr. J. E. Swink. That this journey was a blessing to him was proven, for there he met Mrs. Louisa Waldrop, who afterwards became his beloved wife. They were united in marriage on August 10, 1859. To this union eleven children were born, eight of whom survive him. He also leaves a wife, one sister, Mrs. Kenner, of Festus, Mo., one brother, Mr. Phillip A. Swink of Arkansas, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

John E. Swink gave his heart and life to Christ in July, 1860, at Antelope, Cal., under the preaching of Rev. De Witte, and united with the Christian church, and has ever been faithful unto his vows to God and this church. And in the possession of this glorious faith in his Christ and His power to serve, on the 22nd day of February, 1915, he lay down on his bed and yielded his spirit to God who gave it.

"As sweetly as a child who neither Thought disturbs, nor care encumbers; Tired with long play, at close of day, Lies down and slumbers."

"Oh let us trust with holy men of old, Not all the story here begun is told. So the tired spirit, waiting to be freed, On life's last leaf, with tranquil eye shall read, By the pale glimmer of the torch reversed, Not finish, but end of volume first." His friend and pastor, J. M. BAILEY.

JAS. C. HEIFNER FOR MARSHAL

We are authorized to announce for Marshal, in this issue of The Times, Mr. James C. Heifner, our friend and fellow townsman. He has resided in our city for the past nine years. Jim is a native of the Blue Grass State. His father moved to Missouri about twenty years ago. He received the rudiments of a fair education in the common schools of Kentucky and Missouri. Mr. Heifner is highly respected by all who know him. He is a model citizen; viewed from all angles a stalwart man, firm, yet sufficiently broad-minded, we believe, to fill the office to which he aspires, if elected, to the entire satisfaction to all our citizenship.

FROM MR. F. P. GRAVES

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20, 1915. Dear Mr. Editor:

It is exceedingly gratifying to me to have received the many hundred letters from my friends conveying to me their appreciation of friendships long since formed and happily never broken, and also their gratification that my health was being restored; and that I have, at last, taken the position in my business affairs to not only demand justice for myself, but assist all others in also demanding and receiving justice.

I hope to soon return home and take up the investigation in person and prosecute it to a successful conclusion, that the fruits of a long and busy life may not be dissipated by those who profited by my life's labors. I take this method of conveying the above, through you, to my many friends, as personal replies seem too burdensome.

Very truly,
F. P. GRAVES.

MR. FRANK HIGHLEY

In another column of this paper you will find the announcement of our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Frank Highley, for the office of City Marshal of Farmington.

Mr. Highley is a son of Thos. C. Highley and was born and raised here, so requires no introduction to the citizenship at our hands. During the time prior to the election on April 6th he will endeavor to see and talk with most of the people relative to his candidacy.

He respectfully requests the voters to remember him, and if elected will return the compliment by rendering the town and people the very best service in his power.

PROF. A. H. AKERS

County School Superintendent, a Candidate for Re-election.

In this issue of The Times we are authorized to announce Prof. A. H. Akers for re-election to the office of County School Superintendent.

For nearly thirty years Prof. Akers has been closely connected with the public school work in St. Francois county. In our minds there is not a doubt but what Prof. Akers is better acquainted with school affairs and all the many different phases and intricate problems that require at times a high grade of diplomacy, than any other man or woman in the county. The status or standard of the St. Francois county public schools is far above the average, especially on professional requirements. No small amount of eulogy is due to Prof. A. H. Akers. He will be re-elected unanimously.

BRANCH SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

A Short Course in Agriculture will be given on March 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1915, at Carleton College in Farmington, under the auspices of the University of Missouri, as per following program:

Schedule of Lectures and Demonstrations

MONDAY, MARCH 1

9:00-10:30—Grasses and Forage Crops, L. F. Childers.
10:30-12:00—Live Stock Feeding, by S. T. Simpson.
1:00-2:30—Elements of Plant Growth, by Mr. Childers.
2:30-4:00—Pasture Crops for Hogs, by Mr. Simpson.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

9:00-10:30—Rations for Fattening Hogs, by Mr. Simpson.
10:30-12:00—Tillage and Cultural Methods, by Mr. Childers.
1:00-2:30—Cattle and Sheep Feeding, by Mr. Simpson.
2:30-4:00—Wheat and Oat Growing, by Mr. Childers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

9:00-10:30—Legumes and Their Uses, by Mr. Childers.
10:30-12:00—Judging Horses and Mules, by Mr. Simpson.
1:00-2:30—Manures and Fertilizers, by Mr. Childers.
2:30-4:00—Feeding and Management of Horses and Mules, by Mr. Simpson.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:00-10:30—Types of Silos and Silo Construction, by J. G. Watson.
10:30-12:00—Crops for Silage and Silo Management, by J. D. Jarvis.
1:00-2:30—Types and breeds of Dairy Cattle, by Mr. Watson.
2:30-4:00—Judging Dairy Cattle, by Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Watson.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

9:00-10:30—Concentrates in the Dairy Ration, by Mr. Watson.
10:30-12:00—Roughness in the Dairy Ration, by Mr. Jarvis.
1:00-2:30—Judging Dairy Cattle, by Mr. Watson and Mr. Jarvis.
2:30-4:00—Dairy Herd Management, by Mr. Jarvis.

W. D. ASHBURN,
C. B. DENMAN,
CHAS. SCHUTTLE,
HENRY MANLEY,
Local Committee.

BACK TO THE FARM

Go to the FARM. Don't depend on shattered public works to raise and educate your FAMILY. If you do, you are depending on a broken stick.

Buy yourself a small FARM and be your own boss. See MERRILL PIPKIN at once and make a start this spring to raise poultry, grain and stock and thus lay the foundation of happiness and prosperity for your self and family. Pipkin has 56 farms to sell very cheap. Write him today at Farmington, Mo. Or better still, come and see him. He will show you the farm you need and tell you all the particulars.

Read brief descriptions of some of these FARMS on page eight of this paper.

MISSIONARY SOCIAL

A very interesting social meeting, prepared by the missionary society of the Southern Methodist Church, inviting all the ladies of the congregation, was held at the elegant home of Mrs. W. F. Doss last Friday afternoon. Light refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Doss offered a pleasing hospitality. About 30 persons were present.

BOY SCOUT NIGHT

AT THE F. L. S.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) is the special program of the Boy Scouts, to be given at the High School Auditorium, instead of the regular program of the Farmington Literary Society. The scouts have prepared an excellent and varied program, quite different in many features from any program hitherto rendered by the F. L. S. It is hoped that the attendance will be a record-breaker, and the scouts will be encouraged by due appreciation of their efforts.

The program committee met Tuesday evening and arranged the following regular program, to be rendered on the evening of Friday, March 12th, at the High School Auditorium.

Program for March 12th.

Music by the "Gold Dust Orchestra." Reading—Miss Florence Tetley. Song—Robert Karsch. Eight-Minute "Chalk-Talk" on "Dogs" by Mr. Robert Forsyth. String Quartette: Mr. Porter, Violin; Mr. Barroll, Violin; Mr. O'Sullivan, Viola; Mr. Phillips, Cello. Piano Solo—Miss Alma Swink. Cornet Solo—E. C. Barroll. Music by "Gold Dust" Orchestra.

Parents who must bring very young children to the sessions of the society are courteously requested to be kind enough to take a seat near the doorways, so if the child begins to cry it may be removed without causing annoyance to performers and the audience alike. Some adverse comment has been persistently made in connection with the bad order observed at these meetings, and it is suggested that as the programs are free to all, with a welcome for all, only the good sense and real courtesy of those who attend can be invoked to restrain unnecessary noises, talking during the rendition of a number, or other annoying practices. It is hoped the public will co-operate and endeavor to make the pleasure of all complete.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Supt. T. J. Stewart of Flat River spent Monday in Farmington mingling with school folks.

Prin. E. Paul Phillips of the High School spent Sunday and Monday in St. Louis with his sister, Miss Pearl Phillips, of the Bloomfield High School.

Supt. Johns left Tuesday morning to attend the Division of Superintendents of the National Educational Association that will be in session in Cincinnati from February 23rd to the 27th. This will be an important meeting and the Farmington school should profit by his attendance.

The highest percent of attendance for the 23d week of school was made by Miss Cole's room—97.76. Miss Halter's room was second with 97.55. The inter-high school debate scheduled for Friday night, February 26th, between Fredericktown and Farmington, has been postponed for one week, till Friday night, March 5th. Please keep this date in mind and do not fail to attend.

Several rooms held appropriate Washington Birthday exercises on Friday afternoon. Miss Dayse Baker of the Douglas school had her pupils to render "A Boy's Program." The girls took no part except to help with the singing. A large number of parents were present and seemed to enjoy the program immensely.

The "Boy Scouts" will render a unique program on Saturday night in the High School Auditorium. This is the regular meeting of the Farmington Literary Society and will prove attractive to all who attend. Scout Master Denman has the program in charge and will give the public some thing worth hearing. Meet with the Scouts Saturday night.

ANNOUNCEMENT

M. A. Rhodes, Optometrist and Optician, of Farmington, will be at Flat River every Monday. Office in Higgins' Drug Store. Hours 1 to 5 p. m. At Bonne Terre every Tuesday. Office in parlor of Lone Star Hotel. Hours 1 to 5 p. m.

At his home office, in Cole & Nixon block, Farmington, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

FANNY CROSSBY MEMORIAL

This beloved hymn writer and much loved saint will be remembered at the Southern Methodist service next Sunday night at 7:30. Some of her best songs will be sung, and incidents of her beautiful life will be recited. The Junior Choir will lead in the singing.

THE ORPHAN TWINS

DEFEATED IN CONTEST

Piano Won by Church

The piano contest conducted by the Henderson Mercantile Store Co., which closed Saturday night, was a very successful money raising event, and the management seem to have taken every necessary precaution to avoid any misunderstanding or unscrupulous methods that might have invited dissent or criticism. As it has been stated, those who entered the contest knew from the beginning that only one could possibly be the winner. The Hunt Twins were among the first to enter the race and it was, as far as we have been able to ascertain, the consensus of opinion that the little orphans would surely win in the face of an even brake, but in this wild age of commercialism it is not to the deserving to whom justice comes. We refer here to justice, not in the sense that the management is guilty of any misleading statements, or any special concessions to any one of the contestants, but right-justice that should prevail in this land of ours.

We behold across the mighty seas three fourths of the population of the world, most of whom are Christians, in a barbaric, devastating and deadly conflict. We see fathers, sons and sweethearts bidding their loved ones a last farewell. We see them on the battle fields ready to shed their blood in defense of this commercial justice, a product of a satanic world. The prince of this world conceives that his reign of justice must be disguised in the name of our fatherland.

Poor, little courageous Belgium. We might add to this, the poor, little courageous twins.

BREWEN—BAKER

Saturday, February 20th, about 4 o'clock p. m., at the home of Mr. Rion in the city of Farmington, Mr. Fred E. Brewen of Flat River and Miss Ethel Baker of Knob Lick were quietly united in marriage.

Both these young people are estimable and exemplary citizens of their respective towns and a broad long vista of perpetual happiness and bliss is spread in never-ending expanse anon and it is the hope of their many friends that their voyage on the matrimonial sea may be long and successful.

The newly-weds will make their future home in Flat River, where Mr. Brewen holds a lucrative position.

Rev. J. M. Bailey, pastor of the Christian church of Farmington, performed the matrimonial ceremonies. The Times joins their many friends in wishing them happiness, health and success.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lena E. (Polston) McDade, a native of Ste. Genevieve county, died at the home of her nativity February 11, 1915. She was born April 27, 1865. On August 18, 1904, she was married to J. B. McDade. To this union were born two children, both deceased. At fourteen years of age she professed faith in Christ and united with the Three Rivers church of which she remained an exemplary and consistent member until 1908, at which time her membership was transferred to East Prairie, Mo. The last years of her life was spent in Mississippi county. About three weeks previous to her death she returned with her father to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Barton, at whose home she passed away. She had been declining in health for some time.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, a former pastor and special friend of the family. Her body rests in the Woodman cemetery on her father's farm. She is survived by a husband, J. B. McDade; an aged father, D. N. Polston; three sisters and two brothers, W. N. Polston of Farmington, Milton of Wolf Island, Mrs. Frank Barton, Mrs. Laura Rosenstengel of Farmington and Mrs. Joe Shrum of Neelyville.

With the passing of Mrs. McDade, the world loses one of its most precious possessions, a noble Christian woman. She had an exceptionally industrious disposition, simple habits and a great soul. Truly the world is better for her having lived in it, and the celestial chorus of the white-robed throng is swelled by another voice which loved to praise the Savior on earth. "Whither I go thou shalt not follow now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards."

J. M. PEPPER.

LIBERTYVILLE SCHOOL CLOSES

A Marked Success

Prof. Ira Welker for the past three years has been in charge of the Libertyville schools. He has been assisted by Mrs. Welker, his wife, a most competent primary teacher. The Libertyville people are to be congratulated even at an additional expense for securing and retaining the services of Prof. and Mrs. Welker.

Prof. Welker is a graduate of the Marvin Collegiate College of Fredericktown, Mo., and only lacks a few weeks' work of completing the regular academic course at the Cape Normal.

The editor and Prof. Welker hale from the same county and have been school mates together. He comes from one of the most respectable families in Bollinger county. His father represented his county in the Legislative Halls of the State and for the past several years has been a minister of the Gospel. Prof. Welker is an ardent and a highly competent school worker; his life is free from all things that might reflect upon a high calling.

In our opinion Madison county should avail herself of this opportunity and thereby elevate her educational cause by electing Prof. Ira Welker to the office of County Superintendent, the crowning achievement of his noble aspirations.

THREE MINERS KILLED

Two Others Seriously Injured
Albert Roberts, shift boss at No. 4 Desloge, and Tons Sinko and Mike Fedoc, two Hungarians, were instantly killed Sunday morning, and two other Hungarians were dangerously injured by an explosion which occurred while the drill holes were being charged with dynamite. Mr. Roberts had been connected with the company for years and was considered a very capable miner and forman. Just how the sad accident occurred will perhaps never be known. The two miners who were injured were at work about sixty feet away on a bluff. We understand that it is their opinion that the disaster was due from charging the powder in the drill holes. It is customary to use a wooden stick for that purpose but in a few instances miners have become careless and in a hurry would use a steel drill to tamp the powder. The testimony at the inquest did not reveal the direct cause of the explosion.

Mr. Albert Roberts leaves a wife and several children and a host of friends to mourn his untimely departure. One of the Hungarians was married. On account of the war his wife has remained in the fatherland. The two Hungarians were both buried in the same grave; their bodies were terribly mangled. It seems that nothing can be done to avoid these sad accidents occasionally.

Rep. Farris's Bill to allow Sheriffs 75 cents a day for boarding prisoners was on motion of author, indefinitely postponed. This means the death knell of this measure.

I want to say a word in closing this week's letter, in favor of one of the best measures now before the House. The Juvenile Court Bill. I believe that every county needs such a law, and that the Probate Judge has a better acquaintance with the children of his town and county than the Circuit Judge. I feel that such an officer, one who will act in behalf of these children who exist among conditions often immoral, will prove his worth to all good citizens.

Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR P. GRAY.

THIEVES CAPTURED

NEAR CADET

Constable J. E. Trask of Desloge brought to Farmington yesterday John Topping and Ed Deweeze, who were charged with taking an overcoat, a suit of clothes and jumping their board bill from a boarding house in Desloge.

The officials, in their efforts to locate the culprits, had visited St. Louis, Granite City, Ill., and other points where they were reported to have been, with no avail, but Tuesday St. Francois County's famous Criminal detective, Sam Doss, got a clue and on Wednesday succeeding in rounding up the fugitives near Cadet and they were brought to the County Seat yesterday and incarcerated.

MUCH APPRECIATED

In behalf of the orphan twins, who were defeated in the late piano contest, a petition was circulated for the purpose of a piano for said twins.

I am very thankful to the kind-hearted people, who so generously contributed to this fund.

The fact that a small lesson fund probably will be left for them, speaks for the generosity of our people in charity toward orphans.

DR. BRANING.

HAVE YOUR PIANO TUNED

R. W. Verhees of St. Louis is in town this week tuning pianos. A card dropped at the Farmington Post Office will receive prompt attention, or phone 398.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY

The record for introduction of bills, over the number introduced during session of 1913, was passed on Tuesday morning, the 16th, and there will be 150 more bills introduced this session.

The House has rented a piano for the remaining portion of the session and religious services will be held in the lower branch of the Assembly on Sundays.

The Civil Code Bill went to engrossment this week by a vote of 83 to 49. A resume of the ballot shows no politics in this measure, as 41 Democrats and 41 Republicans voted for it.

I am glad to write you that the House Committee on Railroads reported out favorable, the Railroad Rate Measure, calling for a maximum rate of 3 cents, and they ask by an amendment, to charge a passenger rate of 2 1/2 cents immediately upon passage of this bill. I hope this measure can be given precedence in printing and engrossment, so that the House can take a step forward to better times for the railroads.

House Bill No. 784, Eleemosynary Institutions Appropriations, was engrossed this week, and I am sorry to say that our home institution was cut a good deal. The original bill carried \$146,750. The big cuts were cottage, from \$75,000 to \$50,000, and the Dairy Barn from \$8,500 to \$5,000. A good item, and much needed, is that for the payment of a Resident Dentist.

House Bill No. 72, known as the Woman's Police Bill, notwithstanding the adverse report of the Committee, was placed on the House Calendar by vote of 59 to 27. This is a good measure and I hope that it will receive enough votes to finally pass.

The bill creating the office of Fire Marshal was practically killed this week, when it was refused advancement on the calendar by a vote of 36 to 92. This bill is away down on the House calendar, and will not be reached in regular order before the Legislature adjourns.

The first Dry measure to come before the House was engrossed this week by a vote of 90 yes and 40 no. This measure requires dramshops shall be conducted in one room only, with clear glass windows in front, unobstructed by any screens, shutters, blinds, etc.

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Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR P. GRAY.

OBITUARY

George M. Parks was born in St. Francois County, Mo., April 25, 1847, and died at his home near Farmington on February 7, 1915, aged 67 years, 9 months and 12 days.

On April 22, 1874, he was married to Nancy J. Cunningham. To this union were born six children, four of whom: Alexander Parks of Herculaneum, Edward V. Parks, Mrs. B. E. Zolman and Mrs. Dave Barton of Farmington, survive him.

Besides his children, Mr. Parks leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn their great loss. In his last sickness he was perfectly resigned to the will of God and expressed himself as being ready when the Lord called him.

The funeral was preached at the Pendleton church at Doe Run by the Rev. R. C. Martin to a large assembly of relatives and friends. He was buried in the old Pendleton cemetery by the side of his two daughters who had preceded him in death.

Mr. Parks was a kind and loving parent, a good neighbor and always had a genial and lively disposition, making him a favorite with all who knew him. To those who are left we say: weep not; for in a very brief period of time we will follow him to the better home.

B. E. ZOLMAN,
MRS. B. E. ZOLMAN.